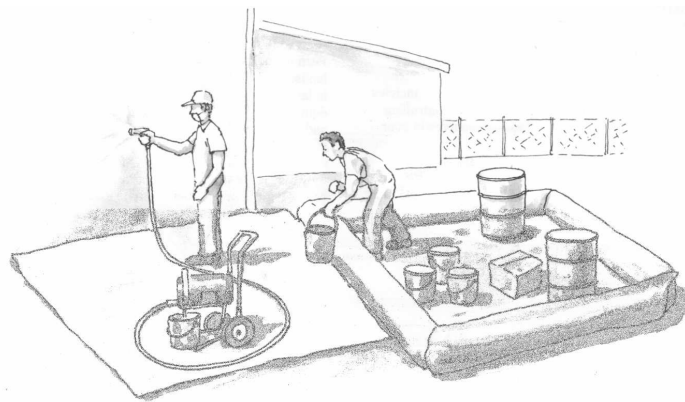


ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Buildings & Grounds Maintenance

Stormwater runoff from building and grounds maintenance activities can be contaminated with toxic hydrocarbons solvents, fertilizers and pesticides, suspended solids, heavy metals, and oils and greases. Utilizing the BMPs in this fact sheet will reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from building and grounds maintenance activities.



- ◆ Switch to non-toxic chemicals for maintenance when possible.
- ◆ Encourage proper lawn management and landscaping, including the use of native vegetation.
- ◆ Use as little water as possible when washing and cleaning up outside.
- ◆ Follow all federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the use, storage, and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides, and training of applicators and pest control advisors.
- ◆ Dispose of grass clippings, leaves, sticks, or other collected vegetation by composting. Do not dispose of collected vegetation into waterways or storm drainage systems.
- ◆ Follow good landscape management practices.
- ◆ Prevent spills wherever possible and clean-up spills as soon as possible. Follow your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan or Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan.
- ◆ Recycle residual paints, solvents, lumber, and other materials as much as possible.
- ◆ Use mulch or other erosion control measures on exposed soils.
- ◆ Use ground or drop cloths underneath outdoor painting, scraping, and sandblasting work, and properly dispose of collected material daily and before rain events.
- ◆ Use a ground cloth or oversized tub for activities such as paint mixing and tool cleaning or conduct these activities indoors.
- ◆ Place temporarily stockpiled material away from drainage ways and drain inlets, and berm around or cover stockpiles to prevent material releases to the storm drain system.
- ◆ Regularly inspect and sweep leaves, trash, sand, and other debris to prevent it from reaching any storm drain inlet or storm detention area (preferably by dry sweeping).
- ◆ Don't rinse equipment on pavement or over a storm drain.

